Expenditure on Airport Security

642. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CISF has substituted the respective State police forces for ensuring the security of airports under Airports Authority of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this has led to an increase in expenditure of Airports Authority of India;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have taken up the issue of this increased expenditure with appropriate authorities because AAI is possibly not responsible for this decision; and

(f) if so, the response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. CISF has been deployed at 47 operational airports;

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The expenditure on airport security was Rs. 71.22 crores during the financial year 1999-2000 i.e. before induction of CISF. After the induction of CISF the following expenditure has been incurred on airport security:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Amount
2000-01	109.89
2001-02	201.96
2002-03	247.62

(e) No, sir.

(f) Does not arise.

New air traffic stipulation

643. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether international civil aviation authorities are considering lowering of air traffic corridors from 40,000 ft. to 20,000 ft and also the gap between two corridors from 4000 ft. to 2000 ft. to allow increased air traffic;

(b) whether the new stipulations include enforcement of licence regulations for Air Traffic Controllers; and